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SUBJECT: USG-GOH PROGRAM DOCUMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: IN THREE DAYS OF OPEN, FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS U.S. AND HUNGARIAN SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON ALL POINTS OF THE FIRST TWO-YEAR PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES UNDER THE RECENTLY INITIALED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. U.S. DRAFT WAS THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AND HUNGARIAN SIDE WILL NOW PREPARE COUNTERDRAFT REFLECTING AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING MEETINGS. HUNGARIAN DRAFT WAS PROMISED FOR SECOND HALF OF JANUARY. ASSUMING THAT FINAL CLARIFICATION OF DETAILS AND PROCESS OF TRANSLATION WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR TO SIX WEEKS, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT COMPLETE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE READY FOR SIGNING NO LATER THAN EARLY MARCH. ALL MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION WERE IMPRESSED WITH GOH ATTITUDE WHICH WAS SERIOUS, FORTH-COMING AND HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE. ON SEVERAL POINTS, SUCH

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AS EXHIBITS AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGES, GOH CAUSED SURPRISE

BY WILLINGNESS TO GO FURTHER THAN EXPECTED AND IN SOME RESPECTS GOING BEYOND DEGREE OF COOPERATION WHICH IT PRESENTLY HAS WITH ANY OTHER WESTERN COUNTRY. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. DELEGATION CONSISTING OF CU/EE DIRECTOR RICHMOND, USIA/IEU DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ARNOLD, EUR/EE GERTH, BUCHAREST SCI/ATT SMITH, PAO DACHI AND APAO BORYCKFKMLB WITH KKI POLGAR AND DREXLER ON DECEMBER 2, 3 AND 6. KKI PRESIDENT ROSTA WELCOMED PARTICIPANTS AND MADE OPENING REMARKS ON FIRST DAY BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

3. CU PROGRAM DISCUSSIONS: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM (IVP). BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THE IV PROGRAM OVER THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY TO SUIT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. NUMBERS OF GRANTS WILL NOT BE MENTIONED IN THE PROGRAM BUT U.S. SIDE PROPOSED, AND HUNGARIANS ACCEPTED, A TARGET OF 20 GRANTS FOR BUDGETARY PURPOSES DURING THE FIRST YEAR FOR BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND MULTI-REGIONAL PROGRAMS, WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY BETWEEN THE TWO. HUNGARIANS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A SIMILAR NUMBER OF AMERICANS, FOR SHORTER PERIODS, UNDER THE CU AMPSEC AND USIA VOLSPKR PROGRAMS. U.S. SIDE WILL PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR HUNGARIAN IVS.

4. CU CONTINUED: UNIVERSITY LECTURERS. HUNGARIANS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH U.S. DRAFT LANGUAGE BUT SUGGESTED "REASONABLE BALANCE" WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO "NO MORE THAN 50 PERCENT" BETWEEN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE NATURAL AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES ON THE OTHER. THEY ALSO AGREED TO ACCEPT A U.S. LECTURER IN "AMERICAN CIVILIZATION" FOR ONE SEMESTER, STARTING SEPTEMBER 1977. LECTURER WOULD BE BASED IN BUDAPEST BUT WOULD DIVIDE TIME BETWEEN ENGLISH DEPARTMENTS IN BUDAPEST, DEBRECEN AND SZEGED. THERE IS APPARENTLY SOME SENSITIVITY HERE TO RECEIVING AN AMERICAN FOR A FULL SEMESTER AT ANY ONE OF THESE UNIVERSITIES AND THE HUNGARIANS PROPOSED THAT THE AMERICAN LECTURER SPEND THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AT EACH UNIVERSITY. WE CITED OUR NEED TO RECRUIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LECTURERS FOR A FULL ACADEMIC TERM AND PROPOSED THAT THE LECTURER BE BASED IN BUDAPEST, WITH SOME TIME-SHARING FORMULA TO BE ARRANGED WITH THE OTHER UNIVERSITIES, AND AT APPEARS THAT SUCH A PLAN CAN BE WORKED OUT. WHILE THE LECTURER WOULD BE ATTACHED TO ENGLISH DEPARTMENTS, AND SHOULD BE A SPECIALIST IN LITERATURE, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE LECTURES WILL BE AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AND NOT LIMITED TO LITERATURE. (CIES

SHOULD INITIATE RECRUITMENT OF A LECTURER PREFERABLY WITH NO CHILDREN SINCE HOUSING IS TIGHT IN BUDAPEST.) IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE A U.S. LECTURER FOR SUBSEQUENT SEMESTERS OF THE PROGRAM PERIOD. THE HUNGARIANS ARE PREPARED TO NOMINATE A HUNGARIAN LECTURER FOR THE SEMESTER STARTING SEPTEMBER 1977 OR JANUARY 1978, AND HAVE REQUESTED THE U.S. SIDE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AMONG U.S. UNIVERSITIES FOR FIELDS OF INTEREST. WE WOULD SUGGEST ECONOMICS, ALTHOUGH OTHER FIELDS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED. HUNGARIANS SAID THAT IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS THEY MAY REQUEST U.S. LECTURERS IN OTHER FIELDS IN ADDITION TO AMERICAN STUDIES, BUT THEY ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF BALANCE.

5. CU CONTINUED: SUMMER SEMINARS IN ENGLISH. THE HUNGARIANS AGREED TO ACCEPT A U.S. LECTURER IN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR THEIR THREE-WEEK SUMMER SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH. DACHI WILL CONSULT HERE WITH THE BRITISH COUNCIL, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES LECTURERS, TO DETERMINE THE EXACT DATES OF THE COURSE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LECTURER.

6. CU CONTINUED: BILATERAL SEMINARS. BOTH SIDES AGREED ON SEMINARS WITH UP TO FIVE PERSONS ON EACH SIDE, STARTING WITH THE SECOND YEAR OF THE PROGRAM (FY1978). SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER DATE.

7. CU CONTINUED: DIRECT UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES. HUNGARIANS APPEAR TO HAVE A HIGH INTEREST IN DEVELOPING DIRECT EXCHANGES IN ALL FIELDS AND REQUESTED US TO SEEK INTERESTED PARTNERS. HOWEVER, THEY REQUESTED DELETION OF "RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS" FROM THE U.S. DRAFT, EXPLAINING THAT THESE ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HUNGARY.

8. CU CONTINUED: COMPARABILITY AND EQUIVALENCE OF DEGREES. HUNGARIANS WISH TO HAVE THIS MENTIONED IN THE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THE AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE USG LIMITATIONS IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT, WITH PERHAPS SOME PARALLEL RESEARCH ON DEGREES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

9. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: TALKS ON S&T PORTION OF DOCUMENT WERE MORE COMPLEX DUE TO MORE DIFFICULT NATURE OF SUBJECT. ONE OF PRINCIPAL TOPICS REVOLVED AROUND WHICH USG OFFICE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING MULTIPLE ASPECTS OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT. SMITH IDENTIFIED

OES AS APPROPRIATE POINT FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE S&T
WILL CONSIST BASICALLY OF THREE PORTIONS:
A) REFERENCE TO CONTINUATION OF PRESENT WELL-FUNCTIONING
NSF AND NAS PROGRAMS IN THEIR PRESENT FORM;
B) MODALITIES FOR CONDUCTING FURTHER THE SEARCH FOR
MUTUALLY INTERESTED AND SUITABLE HUNGARIAN AND AMERICAN
PARTNERS FOR POSSIBLE JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS OF MUTUAL
BENEFIT; AND
C) WAYS TO EXPLORE NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR THE INCREASED
EXCHANGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, FILMS
AND EXHIBITS. GREATER DETAIL ON S&T PORTION FOLLOWS
BY SEPTEL FROM SCI/ATT SMITH.

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10. USIA: EXHIBITS. THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO THE
PRINCIPLE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATIONAL TYPE EXHIBITS,
STARTING WITH ONE IN THE FIRST TWO-YEAR PROGRAM PERIOD
BEING NEGOTIATED. FYI: "REFLECTIONS" EXHIBIT WILL
NOT RPT NOT COUNT AS THIS EXHIBIT; IT WAS NOT EVEN
BROUGHT UP IN THE TALKS. IT IS AN EXTRA. IEU/ARNOLD
EXPLAINED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL STANDARD USIA PROCEDURES
ASSOCIATED WITH MOUNTING MAJOR EXHIBITS IN OTHER SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES. THESE WERE READILY UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED

BY THE HUNGARIANS. VARIOUS DETAILS REGARDING COSTS, DURATION, LOCATION AND LEAD-TIME WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. GENERALLY SPEAKING, ALL THE U.S. PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE NEW DRAFT BEING PREPARED BY THE HUNGARIAN SIDE.

11. PROGRAM YEAR: THE HUNGARIANS PROPOSED THAT THE PROGRAM YEAR BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 TO COINCIDE WITH THE ACADEMIC YEAR. WE AGREED SINCE THIS ALSO COMES CLOSE TO OUR NEW FISCAL YEAR AND HAS ADVANTAGES OVER THE CALENDAR YEAR. EXCHANGES UP TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 WILL CONTINUE ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

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12. IREX: IN FRANK DISCUSSIONS OF IREX, HUNGARIANS INDICATED THEIR STAISFACTION WITH THE PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY IREX FOR HUNGARIANS IN THE U.S. BUT THEIR LACK OF SATISFACTION WITH THE QUALITY OF AMERICAN GRANTEES IN HUNGARY. THE HUNGARIANS WOULD PREFER A PROGRAM MORE FOCUSED ON THEMES OF INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES AND PROVIDING SOME FOLLOW-UP BETWEEN U.S. AND HUNGARIAN INSTITUTIONS. THEY DESCRIBED THE IREX PROGRAM AS A SERIES OF "UNRELATED VISITS" AND THEY QUSHTIONED THE UTILITY OF SOME OF THE U.S. RESEARCH SUBJECTS. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT BY REQUIRING KNOWLEDGE OF THE HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE, IREX WAS LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN APPLICANTS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND THEY POINTED OUT THAT OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES SEND SCHOLARS TO HUNGARY, WITHOUT THE HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE, FOR RESEARCH IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS. FINALLY, THE HUNGARIANS SAID THEY WOULD WELCOME THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULBRIGHT RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM IN HUNGARY, AND EVEN SPOKE OF A FULBRIGHT BINATIONAL COMMISSION. NO COMMITMENTS WERE MADE ON THE U.S. SIDE RE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM OR COMMISSION, BUT WE NOTED THAT THE CU-IREX RELATIONSHIP WAS UNDER REVIEW, AS A RESULT OF IREX'S FUNDING DIFFICULTIES, AND THAT SOME SOLUTION WOULD BE SOUGHT DURING THE COMING YEAR. HARDY

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